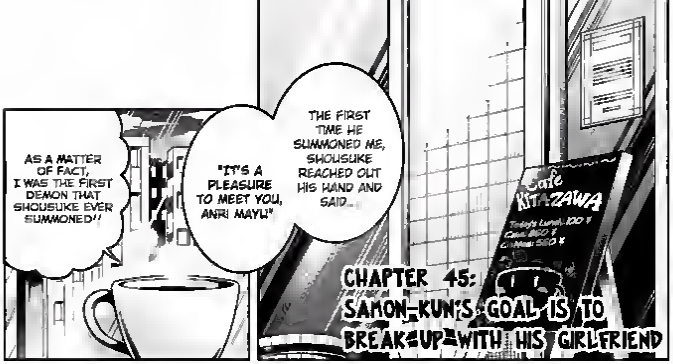
AS A MATTER OF FACT, I WAS THE FIRST DEMON THAT SHOUSUKE EVER SUMMONED!!
"IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, ANRI MAYU."
THE FIRST TIME HE SUMMONED ME, SHOUSUKE REACHED OUT HIS HAND AND SAID...
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CHAPTER 45: SAMON-KUN'S GOAL IS TO BREAK UP WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND

AND I'M SURE IT WAS ALTERED TO MATCH HER POINT OF VIEW...
ANRI-SAN, YOU'VE TOLD ME THIS STORY HUNDREDS OF TIMES
AND THAT'S HOW SHOUSUKE AND I GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER!!
THANKS TO THE MUTUAL ATTRACTION WE FELT FOR EACH OTHER THAT DAY, THE TWO OF US BECAME A COUPLE!!

RIGHT, NEBIROS?
You know the story, right?
ANYWAYS, IT WAS AN ENCOUNTER THAT CHANGED OUR DESTINIES!!
THE MORE YOU HEAR IT, THE BETTER!!
Wa ha ha!
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I'VE NEVER HEARD SAMON-KUN'S SIDE OF THE TALE
FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE...
YOUR DESTINY DID CHANGE

HM?
NEBIROS-SAN,
WELL THEN!! I HAVE TO GET GOING.
AS IF ANYTHING BAD CAME OUT OF THAT!!
THAT'S RIGHT
FIRST OF ALL, WHY DID HE SUMMON ANRI-SAN...
WHAT YOU JUST SAID CAUGHT MY ATTENTION. THERE SEEMS TO BE A PARTICULAR MEANING BEHIND IT...
HOW DID THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN SAMON-KUN AND ANRI-SAN REALLY TAKE PLACE?
YOU'RE ALWAYS BEING HARASSED BY SAMON...
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW
ABOUT HIS ORIGIN.

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WE'RE HERE.
WE'VE GONE BACK 7 YEARS IN THE PAST.
THANKS FOR HELPING US ON YOUR DAY OFF, MR. AGARES
NEXT TIME YOU NEED SOME TIME OFF PICK WHICHEVER DAY YOU WANT.
SO HE CAN EVEN TIME TRAVEL...
WHERE ARE WE?
IN AN UNDERGROUND PASSAGE NEAR THE SAMON FAMILY HOME.
SINCE HIS PARENTS ARE EXORCISTS BY TRADE,
HE HAS TO PRACTICE SUMMONING IN SECRET
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Ability: Controls time

LOOK.
THAT'S PAST SAMON.
WE'RE JUST IN TIME FOR HIS FIRST SUMMONING.
PUWAAH?!
ANRI-SAN!
WOW!! I REALLY SUMMONED YOU!!
IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU!! I'M THE SUMMONER, SAMON SHOUSUKE!!

IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, ANRI MAYU!
P... PLEA-SURE...?
MY DEMON COMPANIONS REJECT ME BECAUSE "THEY'LL CATCH THE FLU IF THEY GET NEAR ME" YET THIS BOY...?
IT'S JUST LIKE SHE TOLD ME
SO THIS MUST BE THE PART WHERE THE LOVE STORY
WHAT'S THIS...? ANRI-SAN LOOKS STRANGE...?
...YOU CAN'T FOOL ME!!
SURELY YOU'RE ANOTHER GUY WHO CAME TO TALK TO ME AS PUNISHMENT FOR LOSING A BET
T-THE CAMERAS... WHERE DID YOU HIDE THE CAMERAS!?
WHERE'S THE CAMERA THAT'S RECORDING MY SHAME?!
LOOKS LIKE THERE WAS MORE DARKNESS IN HER HEART THAN THERE IS NOW...
SHE SPENT TOO MUCH TIME LIVING A LIVE OF SOLITUDE...

I JUST WANT TO BE YOUR FRIEND!
T-THAT'S NOT IT!
DID YOU ACTUALLY SUMMON ME JUST FOR SOMETHING AS TRIVIAL AS THAT?
YOU DON'T HAVE A MORE IMPORTANT MOTIVE FOR DOING THIS?
W-WELL...
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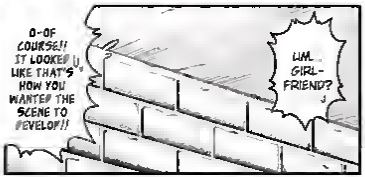
THAT WAS EASY!!
REEEALLY?
SAMON, WHO HAD BEEN RAISED AS AN EXORCIST, APPARENTLY HADN'T BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP ANY TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER HUMANS
THAT REALLY WAS THE ONLY REASON
"I JUST WANT TO BE YOUR FRIEND".
IT WAS FOR NO BIG REASON...
BOTH THEN AND NOW...
THE ADMIRATION AND FONDNESS HE FELT TOWARDS ANRI MAYU.
NO, RATHER, YOU COULD ALWAYS SEE IT IN SAMON'S EYES...
SAMON MUST HAVE SUMMONED HER FOR THE SAKE OF CALLING ON SOMEONE EXCEEDINGLY POWERFUL AND PERFECT...

THE TWO OF US ARE CONNECTED BY THE DEEPEST BOND THAT COULD POSSIBLY EXIST!!
AND YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON TO EVER SUMMON ME, SHOUSUKE!!
ANRI, YOU'RE THE FIRST DEMON I'VE EVER SUMMONED.
A-AM I DREAMING...?
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IF THEY HAD THE SAME LEVEL OF AFFECTION FOR EACH OTHER.
WELL...
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL RELATIONSHIP!
IF... IF IT'S OK WITH YOU, BE MY
I WANT TO ASK YOU SOMETHING
MY
IS THIS LOVE?! WE'RE ALREADY A COUPLE?! WE'RE A COUPLE?!
FOR TWO PEOPLE TO MEET AND FALL FOR EACH OTHER...
The impatient thoughts of a lonely girl
W.. WHAT?!
HEY ANRI!

YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?!
BE MY FRIEND!!

HIS GREATEST CONCEPT OF LOVE IS FRIENDSHIP FRIENDSHIP...!!
BUUH I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE'S A HUGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FEELINGS I'M HAVING AND A TEN YEAR OLD'S

THAT'S IT!!


O-OF COURSE!! IT LOOKED LIKE THAT'S HOW YOU WANTED THE SCENE TO DEVELOP!!
UM... GIRL-FRIEND?

HE'S SO PURE!!
BUT I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT GIRLFRIENDS OR ANYTHING...

SHOUSUKE!! LET'S GO OUTSIDE!!

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...HAA!!
I HELD BACK.
I COULD WIPE OUT A MOUNTAIN IF I USE MY FULL POWER.
ALRIGHT, SHOUSUKE.
IF YOU WANT TO BE MY FRIEND, YOU'LL HAVE TO ACQUIRE STRENGTH THAT'S COMPARABLE TO MINE.
EH?!
IT ISN'T A STRANGE REQUEST!!

...GOT IT.
WHAT DO YOU THINK? WELL IF THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE THEN YOU COULD ALWAYS BE MY BOYFRIEND...
THAT'S HOW FRIENDSHIP WORKS
I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PLAY WITH MY PLAYMATE EVEN A LITTLE IF HE'S WEAK
WHICH IS WHY I CAN'T BE "FRIENDS" WITH A WEAK SHOUSUKE.
THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO CALL ME YOUR FRIEND.
SOME DAY I'LL BE JUST AS STRONG AS YOU.
SAMON WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN THE STRENGTH EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF AN ALL-POWERFUL GOD OF EVIL
ANRI MAYU WAS MOST LIKELY JUST SPOUTING NONSENSE
...THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF SAMON'S JOURNEY AS A SUMMONER.

HE DREW MAGIC CIRCLES WITH SPEED AND PRECISION
HE POURED AN INTENSE AMOUNT OF EFFORT INTO IT
LATER, HE BEGAN TO PUT THEM INTO PRACTICE
FIRST, HE MEMORIZED INFORMATION REGARDING EVERY SINGLE TYPE OF DEMON,
AS WELL AS VARIOUS METHODS OF INVOCATION
HE MADE THOUSANDS AND MILLIONS EACH DAY, LIKE A CHILD LEARNING HOW TO WRITE
PILES AND PILES OF THEM.
COMPARATIVE MYTHOLOGY
DEMONOLOGY
MYSTICISM
THE WAY YOU PHRASED THAT MADE IT SOUND REALLY EASY!!
HE WAS ABLE TO DRAW TWO CIRCLES AT THE SAME TIME IN COMPLETE DARKNESS, MAKING USE OF HIS STILL DEVELOPING BRAIN TO PULL IT OFF
AFTER KEEPING AT IT FOR A WHILE,
SAMON IS, ESSENTIALLY, A MAN WHO ALWAYS PUSHES HIMSELF.
OH, THIS IS...!
I NEED TO THINK OF A WAY TO USE UP ALL THESE MAGIC CIRCLES
HIS DREAM SEEMED RIDICULOUS AT FIRST, BUT HE KEPT EXPANDING THE LIMIT OF HIS CAPABILITIES IN ALL AREAS

HE WAS SCUM THAT PUSHED HIMSELF IN AN UNCONTROLLABLE WAY!!
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YOU'VE GONE MAD SAHODORI!!
WAIT, WAIT-
THAT'S HOW HE CAME UP WITH THE IDEA OF USING HIS EXORCIST BUDDIES AS PUNCHING BAGS FOR COMBAT PRACTICE.
WOOSH
WELL, ANYWAYS, HE WAS A VERY HARD WORKER.
NEXT I SHOULD WORK ON MANAGING SEVERAL DEMONS AT ONCE!
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...ALRIGHT!
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WELL, I'VE ALWAYS HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT HE'S A GUY WHO ALWAYS WORKS REALLY HARD.
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IT'S AN ASPECT OF HIM THAT HE DOESN'T SHOW SO MUCH NOW, RIGHT?
HE ISN'T USING ANY GLOVES YET.

THE SAMON-KUN OF THE PRESENT IS STILL...
ENTHUSIASTIC.
AND HE ALWAYS TRIES HIS HARDEST...
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UWAA!!
AH!!
SAMON-KUN!!
AH! OI...
EH?
AH.
I APPROACHED HIM WITHOUT THINKING.
OUCH..
ARE YOU OKAY?!

WHO ARE YOU, MISS?
UMM..
I.. I WAS JUST PASSING THROUGH WHEN I HEARD A REALLY LOUD NOISE ..!
YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE, IT WAS NOTHING..
She's suspicious..
WELL I HAVE TO KEEP GOING
YOU'RE FULL OF INJURIES.
WHY DO YOU PUSH YOURSELF SO MUCH?
I WANT TO BE ACCEPTED BY A CERTAIN SOMEONE.
IN ORDER TO REACH HER LEVEL AND BE HER FRIEND,
I WANT TO BE JUST AS STRONG AS HER.
DO YOU LIKE HER THAT MUCH?

I KNOW THAT.
YEAH, I LIKE HER.
SAMON'S LIFE WAS CHANGED BY ANRI MAYU.
HUH?
EH.
IF THAT WOMAN HADN'T BEEN THE FIRST PERSON HE WANTED AS A FRIEND,
THEN I DOUBT HE WOULD'VE HAD ANY NEED TO GROW STRONG TO OBTAIN HER FRIENDSHIP.
AND HE WOULDN'T BE AS PASSIONATE ABOUT DEMONS AND SUMMONING EITHER
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WHAT?
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN STANDING THERE STARING AT ME?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE
IN THE MIDDLE OF AN INTENSIVE TRAINING SESSION?
NOT REALLY
LAST TIME, ANRI BLEW UP AT THE SUMMER FESTIVAL JUST TO GET A LAUGH OUT OF IT.
I'M ONLY PRACTICING A BIT OF SUMMONING...
WHAT?
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WELL,
YOU'RE JUST AS CRAZY OVER ANRI-SAN AS ALWAYS.
oh dear,-ufufu~

AHAHA
YEP, I'M THAT MISS-
YOU'RE THAT MISS!!
From that time!
...?

...I CANNOT BELIEVE THIS.

SUCH GREAT MEMORIES.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, IT'S TRUE THAT WE'VE HAD THAT CONVERSATION!
WOW, SO YOU SAW HOW OUR LOVE BEGAN.
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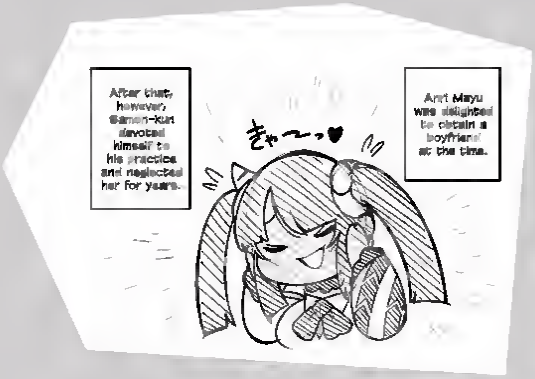
SO YOU WERE MEDDLING AROUND WITH MY PAST. .

THAT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU, SHOUSUKE. YOU'RE A HUMAN!!
HA HA HA!!
I'LL DEFINITELY SURPASS YOU SOME DAY.
JANRI
HM?
YOU'VE PROBABLY FORGOTTEN, BUT THIS IS THE STORY OF HOW I FELL INTO HELL.
BUT IT'S TRUE
THAT'S A TERRIBLE COMMENT
AND CEASED TO BE A COUPLE.
HOWEVER, YOU COULD ALSO SAY THAT THIS IS THE STORY OF HOW TWO PEOPLE BECAME FRIENDS,


After that, however, Sanon-kun devoted himself to his practice and neglected her for years.
Ant Mayu was delighted to obtain a boyfriend at the time.
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